



May 26, 2011#

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwells Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

No one debates the importance of broadband as an essential business tool and today putting the adjective “wireless” in front of broadband is becoming almost redundant. Business people in the Aurora area and throughout Colorado increasingly depend on wireless broadband capacity. When that capacity is interrupted it is more than an inconvenience; it's a drain on productivity that no one can afford.

While it might seem counter-intuitive, small businesses have a stake in wireless broadband that's even greater than that of major corporations. For the small business owner, especially the high-tech entrepreneur, advanced wireless broadband capacity is an affordable way to get in the game on an equal footing with much bigger competitors and potential partners.

Both large and small businesses have a vested interest in improving the reliability and expanding the functionality of their wireless broadband service. This is why the Aurora Economic Development Council supports the merger of T-Mobile with AT&T. What we see as the most significant aspect of this merger is that it will provide the Aurora area and the rest of Colorado with 4G LTE wireless broadband, including a significant investment of capital to add new cell sites and improve the wireless experience at existing sites.

AT&T has a significant presence in Colorado and throughout our state with 2,000 employees and \$150 million annual payroll. The company is one of our best corporate citizens, investing \$1.2 million in charitable activities.

We can tell you first-hand that this would be a welcome and highly useful improvement for the Aurora/Denver metro area. On behalf of the membership of our organization, I encourage the FCC to let this merger and its benefits go forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Mitchell', written over a light blue circular background.

Wendy Mitchell
President and CEO
Aurora Area Economic Development Council

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